

Appl. No. 10/083,001
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Reply to Office Action of December 27, 2004

REMARKS

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated December 27, 2004 in which claims 1-30 and 32-33 were examined. As a result of this amendment, claims 1-30 and 32-33 remain pending in this application.

The Office Action indicates that claims 2, 4-26, 30 and 33 are allowed. Applicant greatly appreciates the allowance of these claims.

Claims 1, 3, 27-29 and 32 were rejected as being obvious over Narin (U.S. 5,292,020) in view of Luenser (U.S. 4,349,116). Without conceding the validity of these rejections and in an effort to obtain allowance of this application, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 27-29 and 32 to depend from one of the allowed claims. Claim 9 is amended to correct a typographical error.

As a result of the amendments to the claims and the remarks given herein, Applicant respectfully asserts that each of the rejections identified in the Office Action have been overcome. As such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-30 and 32-33 at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner feels that any matter in this case requires further attention prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance, she is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be

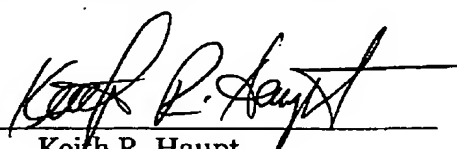
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promptly resolved. Moreover, Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116 in that it places all the claims in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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